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FM AMEMBASSY MAPUTO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5633

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:PFOR, MZ, US

SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO MACHEL

REF: STATE 70500

1. WHETHER WE WAIT ONE, TWO OR A FEW MORE WEEKS BEFORE DELIVERING MESSAGE, THERE WILL INEVITABLY BE SOME IN GPRM WHO WILL CONCLUDE THAT THE MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER WAS PROMPTED BY VISITS OF CASTRO AND PODGORNÝ. I DO NOT BELIEVE THIS NEED BOTHER US, SINCE IT IS CLEAR FROM THE LETTER'S LEAD SENTENCE THAT IT IS IN RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT MACHEL'S LETTER OF FEBRUARY 28, 1977. I DO NOT EXPECT THAT THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE THAT WILL BE ISSUED UPON COMPLETION OF PODGORNÝ VISIT WILL CAUSE US TO RECONSIDER DELIVERY AT THIS TIME, BUT IF COMMUNIQUE SHOULD SO SEEM TO WARRANT, WE CAN ALWAYS HOLD P OR DECIDE NOT TO DELIVER LETTER.

2. UK EMBASSY IS STILL AWAITING WORD FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OR OFFICE OF PRESIDENT THAT MACHEL WILL RECEIVE FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN ON APRIL 14 OR 15. UK AMBASSADOR IS REASONABLY CONFIDENT THAT APPOINTMENT WILL BE FIXED FOR ONE OF THOSE TWO DATES. SINCE PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER IS SUPPORTIVE OF THE FOREIGN SECRETARY'S VISIT, I RECOMMEND THAT I SEEK TO DELIVER PRESIDENT CARTER'S MESSAGE FEW DAYS PRIOR TO SUCH VISIT, I.E. ON OR ABOUT APRIL 8 OR BEGINNING OF FOLLOWING WEEK.

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EM IN EVENT DEPARTMENT SHOULD WANT TO DELAY DELIVERY OF MESSAGE UNTIL AFTER FOREIGN SECRETARY'S VISIT, I WISH CALL ATTENTION TO FACT THAT MACHEL IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT THE NORDIC COUNTRIES FOR APPROXIMATELY 10 DAYS STARTING WITH STOP IN STOCKHOLM ON APRIL 25. WE DO NOT KNOW IF HE HAS TACKED ON VISITS TO OTHER COUNTRIES PRIOR TO OR FOLLOWING HIS VISIT TO SCANDINAVIA. PRESIDENT CARTER'S MESSAGE WOULD LOSE SOME OF ITS EFFECTIVENESS IF WE DELAY

DELIVERY UNTIL AFTER MACHEL'S RETURN FROM EUROPE.

4. IF I SEE MACHEL JUST PRIOR TO OWEN'S VISIT, MACHEL IS LIKELY
TO QUERY ME ON THE FOREIGN SECRETARY'S VISIT. I WOULD APPRECIATE
GUIDANCE FROM DEPARTMENT ON HOW TO RESPOND TO SUCH A QUERY.
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